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| For: | QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR DETECTION |) | |
| | OF NEWLY SYNTHESIZED RNA IN A CELL-FREE |) | |
| | SYSTEM AND IDENTIFICATION OF RNA |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 8 of this paper.